

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an antibody reactive with *Clostridium perfringens*, comprising:
  - a) providing:
    - i) a subject; and
    - ii) an orally administrable solution comprising avian antibody reactive with *Clostridium perfringens*; and
  - b) orally administering said solution to said subject.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said solution is in the form of a nutritional formula.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said nutritional formula comprises infant formula.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said subject is an animal.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said administering is prophylactic.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said administering is therapeutic.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for administering an antibody reactive with *Clostridium perfringens*, consisting essentially of the steps:

- a) providing:
  - i) a subject; and
  - ii) an orally administrable solution comprising avian antibody reactive with *Clostridium perfringens*; and
- b) orally administering said solution to said subject.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said solution is in the form of a nutritional formula.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9, wherein said nutritional formula comprises infant formula.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said subject is an animal.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said administering is prophylactic.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said administering is therapeutic.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Presently Amended) A method for administering an antibody reactive with *Clostridium perfringens*, consisting of:

- a) providing:
  - i) a subject; and
  - ii) an orally administrable solution comprising avian egg antibody reactive with *Clostridium perfringens*; and
- b) orally administering said solution to said subject.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said solution is in the form of a nutritional formula.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein said nutritional formula comprises infant formula.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said subject is an animal.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said administering is prophylactic.
- 20.(Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said administering is therapeutic.
21. (New) The method of Claim 8, wherein said subject has not been treated to induce tolerance.